

safety...off the job

Detectors For Home Safety

There are two alarms you can install in your home to save your life. One detects smoke from fires and the other detects carbon monoxide, a deadly, invisible gas.

Both types of detectors are easy to obtain, easy to install and easy to maintain. When a smoke detector is in good working order, it will alert you at the earliest possible stage of a fire; early enough to let you escape your home in safety. A carbon monoxide detector lets you know this common but deadly gas is present in your house, giving you warning to escape before you are poisoned or injured in an explosion.

Smoke Detectors

Once you get your smoke detector it is important to carefully follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for proper installation and operation.

Here are some other things to consider when installing your smoke alarm:

- Location, location, location is everything when you are installing your detector. Make sure each floor in your home has a smoke detector, including the basement. Put them near the bedrooms on every floor.

- Avoid placing smoke detectors in a drafty place in your home or in the kitchen. Items like burned toast or even baking and broiling may cause the alarm to go off accidentally. If this happens too often, you will be tempted to disconnect it or take the batteries out when you are cooking. Forgetting to put the batteries back in may cost you your life.

- Test your smoke detector to make sure it is working properly. Most alarms come equipped with a test button. Read the instructions to find out the best way to test your smoke detector.

- If you have a battery-powered smoke detector, you must change the batteries on a regular basis. Try setting up a schedule for yourself. For example, if you live in an area where you change your clock for daylight savings time, you could change the batteries then. When your smoke detector starts giving you its built-in warning sound, a small chirping noise, it is telling you the batteries are low and need to be replaced. Don't just take out the old batteries to stop the sound; replace them!

- Keep your smoke detector clean. Dust and dirt can cause the mechanisms in your smoke detector to malfunction.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The other type of detector can save you from poisoning, fires and explosions from carbon monoxide. Also known as CO, carbon monoxide is a poisonous, colorless and odorless gas, which can be present in your home through a number of household devices like your gas furnace or a heater. Because you cannot see it, taste it, or smell it, you can become seriously poisoned by this gas over a period of time without even knowing it. You could die.

That's why it is important to make sure such devices like gas and oil burning furnaces are checked regularly. Consider installing a CO detector in your home as well as a smoke detector. There are a number of devices on the market, from battery powered gel-based detectors to electrically powered alarms. Like a smoke detector, a CO detector can alert you to the earliest possible signs of danger in your home. It could save your life.

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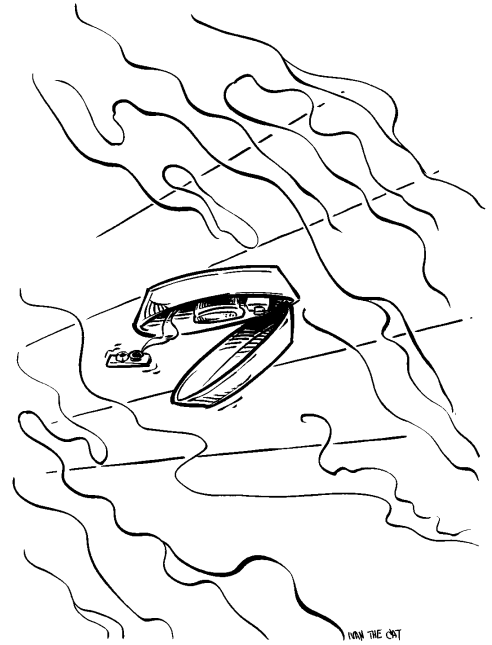
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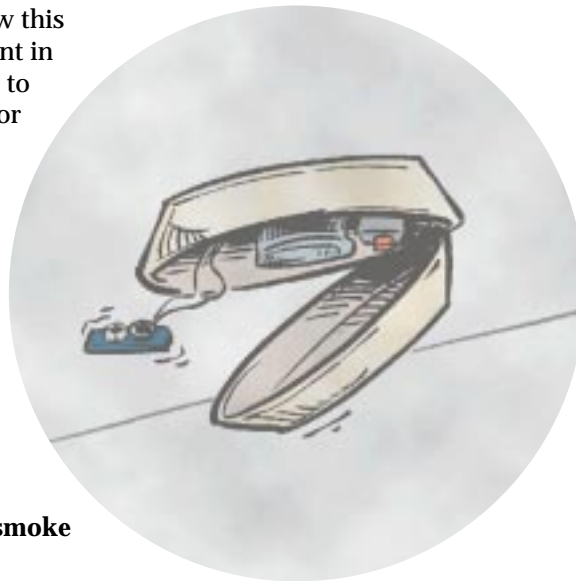
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